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Four visions for Alaska's capitol building. – Can modest architecture still make magic? – There's more to making places than just good architecture. – Developers seriously beginning to think outside the box. – Can grand plans for a Scottish treasure get out from under the red tape? – Should China's "garden of gardens" be restored? – Savannah's new museum worth the wait. – In praise of the lowly strip mall. – Two women architects in Iraq take different paths. – Alsop's vision of the "SuperCity" worth a look. – Guggenheim's "McDonaldisation" costs it a most generous angel. – Deadline looms for Next Generation Design Competition. – Boston Society of Architects offers research grants. – Christo's The Gates "largest artwork since the Sphinx" but what does it mean?

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[Four Capitol Visions: ...finalists in its state capitol design competition: Morphosis intrigued by challenge of cityscape; Yazdani Studio/Cannon Design ponders topographical dilemma; Safdie hopes to blend East, West and Alaska; NBBJ carries tradition of Alaska building-](#) Juneau Empire (Alaska)

[The art of subtlety: The modest new Canadian War Museum goes against the trend toward spectacular projects...The question is whether museum-goers, in an era with much flashier architectural wares on display elsewhere, will appreciate the magic - Moriyama & Teshima/Griffiths Rankin Cook Architects; Peter Busby; Gehry; Libeskind; Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg; BUILD; Alsop-](#) Maclean's (Canada)

[Planning our places around our people: With Edinburgh enjoying a real surge of growth...we have the opportunity not just to make good architecture, but, more importantly, to make the good places...The trouble is, we've kind of forgotten how to do it. - Terry Farrell-](#) The Scotsman (UK)

[Developers, Investors Go Outside Traditional Real Estate Markets: ...fast-growing, specialized markets such as building biotechnology or healthcare facilities, converting obsolete properties to, new uses or constructing housing for immigrants.-](#) RIS Media

[Red tape in danger of ruining heritage: The nation's greatest hidden treasure is...Taymouth Castle...What the whole saga raises is some fundamental questions about planning and public bodies in Scotland.-](#) The Scotsman (UK)

[Should Yuanmingyuan \[imperial garden\] be rebuilt? Whether parts of the ruined historic site should be rebuilt or not remains a much-debated topic.-](#) People's Daily (China)

['This is a building for the 21st century': The structure's complexity causes delays in opening the Telfair Museum's Jepson Center for the Arts, but it's expected to be worth the wait. - Moshe Safdie and Associates-](#) Savannah Morning News

[In praise of the lowly strip mall: Even with peeling paint and dated façades, these are bustling, thriving places. And isn't there a certain beauty in an architectural form doing exactly what it was designed to do?-](#) Globe and Mail (Canada)

[To leave or stay in postwar Iraq? Two women, both architects, choose different paths as they confront the daily violence in Baghdad. - Janon Kadhim; Maysoon al-Damluji-](#) Christian Science Monitor

[A new show \["SuperCity"\] reveals one architect's startling vision of the future of urban living: I'm not sure I'd want to live in Alsop's vision of the future city, but it makes me think and reconsider. By Giles Worsley \[image\]-](#) Telegraph (UK)

[Guggenheim's \\$77m man quits as chairman: Billionaire benefactor resigns in dispute with director about museum's international expansion: ...the "McDonaldisation" of the Guggenheim has had its critics. - Wright; Gehry; Koolhaas; Hddid; Nouvel-](#) Guardian (UK)

[Deadline reminder: 2nd Annual Next Generation Design Competition \(\\$10,000 prize\); entries must be received by January 31-](#) Metropolis Magazine

[BSA offers \\$75,000 in research grants-](#) Boston Society of Architects

[The Passion of the Christos: The Gates, in Central Park, 26 years in the making...is the largest artwork since the Sphinx. But what does it mean? As Jeanne-Claude might say, what a dumb question.-](#) New York Magazine

[Artful Elegance: University of Oklahoma Mary and Howard Lester Wing/Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art by Hugh Newell Jacobsen, FAIA, opens tomorrow \[images\]-](#) ArchNewsNow

[Castle Keep: Boston Smith & Wollensky: Elegance and Americana make a perfect recipe for a classic steakhouse. - Haverson Architecture and Design \[images\]-](#) ArchNewsNow

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